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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCE ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS IN
CHARTER SCHOOLS AND INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOLS BY
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2019*):

4 (j) Any member of the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of
5 section 27-103, who is both a nonresident of this state and the parent or
6 guardian of a nonresident student, shall be allowed to participate in an
7 enrollment lottery described in subdivision (8) of subsection (d) of this
8 section for the purposes of enrolling such student in any charter school
9 in this state, provided (A) such member and such student will move to
10 and reside in this state during the school year for which enrollment is
11 sought incident to and otherwise necessary to such member's service
12 in the armed forces, and (B) such member gives such charter school
13 written notice, as soon as practicable, of his or her intention to move to
14 and reside in this state with such student.

15 [(j)] (k) (1) The governing council of a state or local charter school
 16 may apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver of the
 17 requirements of the enrollment lottery described in subdivision (8) of
 18 subsection (d) of this section, provided such state or local charter
 19 school has as its primary purpose the establishment of education
 20 programs designed to serve one or more of the following populations:
 21 (A) Students with a history of behavioral and social difficulties, (B)
 22 students identified as requiring special education, (C) students who
 23 are English language learners, or (D) students of a single gender.

24 (2) An enrollment lottery described in subdivision (8) of subsection
 25 (d) of this section shall not be held for a local charter school that is
 26 established at a school that is among the schools with a percentage
 27 equal to or less than five per cent when all schools are ranked highest
 28 to lowest in accountability index scores, as defined in section 10-223e.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is
 30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 31 *October 1, 2019*):

32 (d) Applications pursuant to this section shall include a description
 33 of: (1) The mission, purpose and any specialized focus of the proposed
 34 charter school; (2) the interest in the community for the establishment
 35 of the charter school; (3) the school governance and procedures for the
 36 establishment of a governing council that (A) includes (i) teachers and
 37 parents and guardians of students enrolled in the school, and (ii) the
 38 chairperson of the local or regional board of education of the town in
 39 which the charter school is located and which has jurisdiction over a
 40 school that resembles the approximate grade configuration of the
 41 charter school, or the designee of such chairperson, provided such
 42 designee is a member of the board of education or the superintendent
 43 of schools for the school district, or the superintendent's designee, and
 44 (B) is responsible for the oversight of charter school operations,
 45 provided no member or employee of the governing council may have a
 46 personal or financial interest in the assets, real or personal, of the
 47 school; (4) the financial plan for operation of the school, provided no

48 application fees or other fees for attendance, except as provided in this
49 section, may be charged; (5) the educational program, instructional
50 methodology and services to be offered to students; (6) the number
51 and qualifications of teachers and administrators to be employed in the
52 school; (7) the organization of the school in terms of the ages or grades
53 to be taught and the total estimated enrollment of the school; (8) the
54 student admission criteria and procedures to (A) ensure effective
55 public information, (B) ensure open access on a space available basis,
56 including the enrollment of students during the school year if spaces
57 become available in the charter school, (C) promote a diverse student
58 body, and (D) ensure that the school complies with the provisions of
59 section 10-15c and that it does not discriminate on the basis of
60 disability, athletic performance or proficiency in the English language,
61 provided the school may limit enrollment to a particular grade level or
62 specialized educational focus and, if there is not space available for all
63 students seeking enrollment, the school may give preference to siblings
64 but shall otherwise determine enrollment by a lottery, except the State
65 Board of Education may waive the requirements for such enrollment
66 lottery pursuant to subsection [(j)] (k) of this section; (9) a means to
67 assess student performance that includes participation in mastery
68 examinations, pursuant to section 10-14n; (10) procedures for teacher
69 evaluation and professional development for teachers and
70 administrators; (11) the provision of school facilities, pupil
71 transportation and student health and welfare services; (12)
72 procedures to encourage involvement by parents and guardians of
73 enrolled students in student learning, school activities and school
74 decision-making; (13) procedures to document efforts to increase the
75 racial and ethnic diversity of staff; (14) a five-year plan to sustain the
76 maintenance and operation of the school; (15) a student recruitment
77 and retention plan that shall include, but not be limited to, a clear
78 description of a plan and the capacity of the school to attract, enroll
79 and retain students from among the populations described in
80 subparagraph (A)(i) to (A)(v), inclusive, of subdivision (3) of
81 subsection (c) of this section; (16) a plan to share student learning
82 practices and experiences with the local or regional board of education

83 of the town in which the proposed charter school is to be located; and
 84 (17) in the case of an application in which the governing council of the
 85 proposed charter school intends to contract with a charter
 86 management organization for whole school management services: (A)
 87 Evidence of the charter management organization's ability to (i) serve
 88 student populations that are similar to the student population that will
 89 be served by the proposed charter school, (ii) create strong academic
 90 outcomes for students, and (iii) successfully manage nonacademic
 91 school functions, (B) a term sheet that sets forth (i) the length of the
 92 contract for whole school management services, (ii) the roles and
 93 responsibilities of the governing council of the proposed charter
 94 school, the staff of the proposed charter school and the charter
 95 management organization, (iii) the scope of services and resources to
 96 be provided by the charter management organization, (iv) the
 97 performance evaluation measures and timelines, (v) the compensation
 98 structure, including a clear identification of all fees to be paid to the
 99 charter management organization, (vi) the methods of contract
 100 oversight and enforcement, and (vii) the conditions for renewal and
 101 termination of the contract, and (C) evidence of compliance with the
 102 provisions of section 10-66tt. Subject to the provisions of subsection (b)
 103 of section 10-66dd, an application may include, or a charter school may
 104 file, requests to waive provisions of the general statutes and
 105 regulations not required under sections 10-66aa to 10-66nn, inclusive,
 106 and which are within the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education.

107 Sec. 3. Section 10-264l of the general statutes is amended by adding
 108 subsection (q) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

109 (NEW) (q) Any member of the armed forces, as defined in
 110 subsection (a) of section 27-103, who is both a nonresident of this state
 111 and the parent or guardian of a nonresident student, shall be allowed
 112 to participate in an enrollment lottery described in subdivision (3) of
 113 subsection (m) of this section and subsection (a) of section 10-264o for
 114 the purposes of enrolling such student in any interdistrict magnet
 115 school in this state, provided (1) such member and such student will
 116 move to and reside in this state during the school year for which

117 enrollment is sought incident to and otherwise necessary to such
118 member's service in the armed forces, and (2) such member gives such
119 interdistrict magnet school written notice, as soon as practicable, of his
120 or her intention to move to and reside in this state with such student.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	10-66bb(j)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	10-66bb(d)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	10-264l

Statement of Purpose:

To allow nonresident members of the armed forces who are the parents or guardians of nonresident students to enroll such students in certain schools in anticipation of moving to and residing in this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]